

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 24, 2009

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The United States has maintained a unique and close partnership with Taiwan for over 60 years. Taiwan is one of our strongest allies in Asia and has become a beacon of democracy and economic growth in a rapidly evolving and vital region for the United States.

On April 10, the United States and Taiwan will commemorate an important milestone in our longstanding relationship as we mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA). This legislation provides an institutional framework and legal basis for our continued relations after the end of formal diplomatic ties. The TRA guarantees America's support for Taiwan's self-defense capability, pledges to maintain the capability to resist any resort to force or coercion that would jeopardize Taiwan, and reaffirms the preservation and enhancement of the human rights of all the people on Taiwan. This unprecedented legislation has helped keep peace and stability in Asia, and has allowed a highly productive relationship between our governments to grow and prosper.

The United States and Taiwan have brought about ties that are as strong today as at any time since passage of the TRA. Consequently, we hope you will join us in recognizing the 30th anniversary of this landmark legislation and in expressing our nation's continued support for freedom, security and prosperity for the people of Taiwan.

Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe  
United States Senator



Tim Johnson  
United States Senator



Ron Wyden  
United States Senator



Sam Brownback  
United States Senator



Jon Tester  
United States Senator



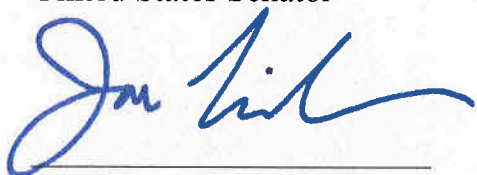
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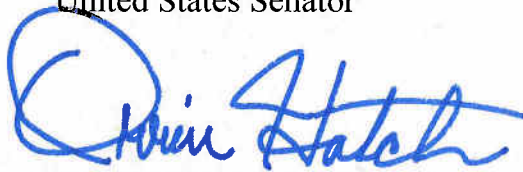
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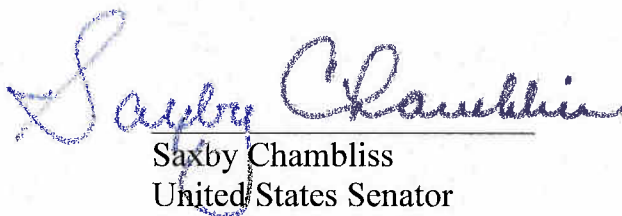
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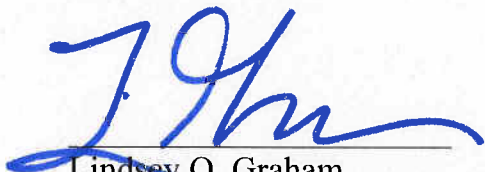
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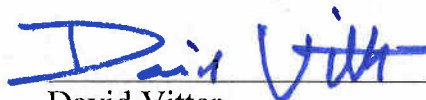
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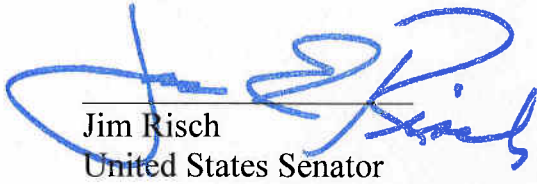
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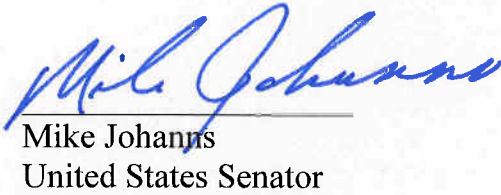
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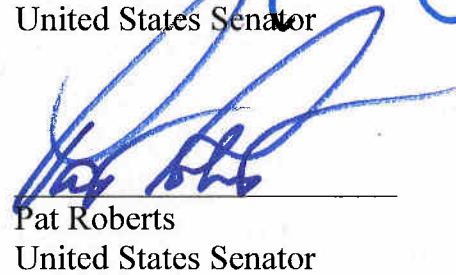
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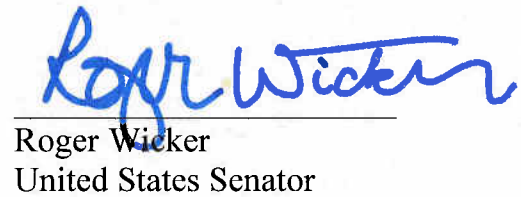
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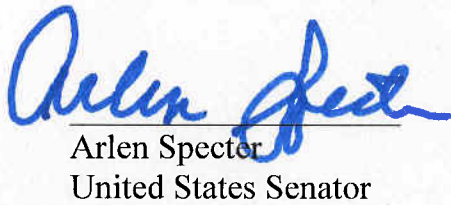
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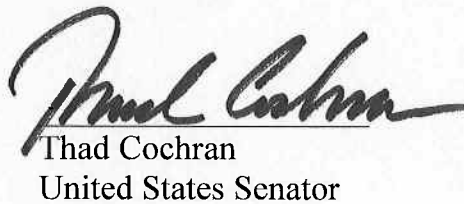
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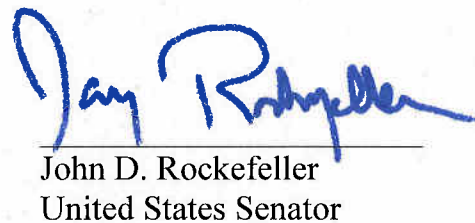
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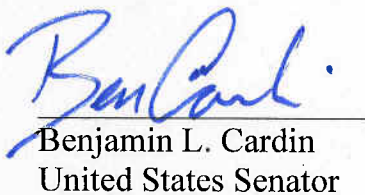
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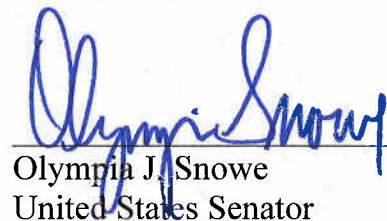
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